## **Overview**

Templates are Docker containers images paired with a configuration.

They are used to launch images as Pods, define the required container disk size, volume, volume paths, and ports needed.

You can also define environment variables within the Template.

## **Template types**

There a few types of Templates:

- Managed by RunPod: Also known as offical Templates; these templates are created and maintained by RunPod.
- Custom Templates:
  - Community Templates: Custom Templates shared by the community.
  - **Private Templates**: Custom Templates created by you or if using a team account, shared inside your team.

## **Custom Templates**

You can customize templates depending on your skill level. The easiest way is to start with a RunPod official template or community template and use it as-is. If you want better control over what gets done at pod start, you can modify the "Docker Command" field. For example, the default docker command is:

```
bash -c `/start.sh`
```

If you wanted to run something before start.sh, you can put an extra command there.

```
bash -c `apt update && apt install vim -y && /start.sh`
```

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